Here’s to another successful year of (MC)Bee-ing amazing! It may have seemed like the semester flew by, but we still achieved a great deal throughout the term. Here’s a quick recap and list of things to look forward to this semester!

**Outreach**

MCBees participated in monthly Orpheum Saturdays and Science at the Market to reach out to the youth of the CU community. We also had events at Jefferson Middle School and continued Science on Tap at Rigg’s Beer Co.

Top: Visitors of the Orpheum Museum learned about surface tension using milk and food coloring.

Center: MCBees Quan Lam, Rachel Martini, and Chris Reed demonstrated chemical reactions at UIUC’s 2nd annual Field Trip Day.

Bottom: A full house at Science on Tap with A.J. Taylor from the Food Science and Human Nutrition department who presented about the Science of Chocolate.

**Upcoming Events**

**Recruitment Weekends**
Weekend 1 February 7th-February 8th
Weekend 2 February 28th - February 29th

**Outreach**
- Orpheum: February 15th
- Science on Tap: February 16th - 5 PM
  March 15th - 5 PM
  April 19th - 5 PM
  May 17th - 6PM

**Happy Hours:**
- Recruitment Weekend Happy hours
  Weekend 1- Saturday 2/8 at 8PM
    Blind Pig Brewery
  Weekend 2 - TBA

**Game Night:**
- Thursday, March 5th
  5:30 PM(Room TBA)

Have feedback? Don’t forget to complete our GSA survey here: https://tinyurl.com/MCBGSAsurvey

**Social**

This semester we had a great time mingling with fellow MCBees during the events of the Graduate Student Appreciation week, and found new friends during our joint happy hours! We’re planning more happy hours, and per request, more non-happy hour social events!

**First Year Liaison**

We welcomed our new class of MCBee’s this year and introduced them to grad life at UIUC through welcome lunches and shopping trips around move-in/orientation time. It was a pleasure getting to know the new first years, and we hope to continue seeing you all at upcoming events!

Keep an eye out for our annual newsletter at the end of Spring semester for more MCB & GSA updates! Want to contribute? Let us know here: https://forms.gle/NeWegFhtZQ7shbHw8 or e-mail Sabrina at abdulla3@illinois.edu.
What would you like to see from MCB GSA?

Thank you to everyone who has given us feedback through our GSA Survey! Your input is very important to us as we begin to plan events throughout this semester, and into following years. This year, we are hoping to incorporate feedback from MCBees into planning Career Month 2020. Here’s a preview of what your peers want to see from MCB GSA this year, but we hope to hear from more of you so that everyone gets something out of the event!

Here’s what your peers have suggested so far:

What types of career development events interest you the most? Feel free to leave some specific suggestions for speakers or careers you are interested in.
18 responses

- Job Search Workshops: 13 (72.2%)
- Fellowship Application Workshops: 8 (44.4%)
- Career Exploration Seminars/Workshops: 15 (83.3%)
- Interfacing with the Public: 4 (22.2%)
- Personal Development: 5 (27.8%)
- How to get industry jobs: 1 (5.6%)

How often would you like career development events to occur?
18 responses

- Once a year - one career development week (with 4-5 events in a week): 22.2%
- Once a year - one career development month (with ~1-2 events per week): 22.2%
- Twice a year: 44.4%
- Monthly: 22.2%
- Every other month or so: 22.2%

Leave us feedback!

We're looking for input on all GSA activities, not just career week. If you haven't already, please let us know what you think or give us suggestions for how to better serve you.

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